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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. SMQ-069	
Application No. 10/027086-Conf. #9697		Filing Date December 20, 2001		Examiner D. Le	
				Art Unit 2819	
Applicant(s): Thomas L. Meneghini					
Invention: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING A HAZARD-FREE MULTI-BIT COMPARSION					
<b>TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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<u>David R Burns</u> David R. Burns Attorney Reg. No.: 46,590  LAHIVE & COCKFIELD, LLP 28 State Street Boston, Massachusetts 02109 (617) 227-7400				Dated: <u>September 25, 2003</u>	
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In re the application of: Thomas L. Meneghini

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For: *Method and Apparatus for Performing a  
Hazard-Free Multi-Bit Comparison*

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**RESPONSE**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2003, Applicant submits the following remarks to place the application in condition for allowance.